

# **Walter D. Myers papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Myers, Walter D. (Walter Dennis), 1882-1973
<b>Title</b>	Walter D. Myers papers
<b>Date</b>	1906-1969, undated
<b>Extent</b>	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box; 1 oversize folder
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Walter D. Myers papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Walter Dennis Myers was born on December 19, 1882, in Rye Township, Perry County, Pennsylvania, to George Ranson and Helen Henrietta Myers. He received an A.B. degree from Yale University in 1905 and an LL.B. from Indiana University (Bloomington, Indiana) in 1907. He was admitted to the Indiana bar in 1907 and began practicing law in Indianapolis, Indiana. On June 3, 1913, Myers married Katharine Lyons, with whom he had three children; Walter, Jr., Joseph Norwood, and Katharine "Kitty". He was a veteran of World War I and helped organize the American Legion, working for its headquarters to be located in Indianapolis. From 1913-1937, Myers served in a variety of public offices including attorney for the Safety, Public Health, Park and Sanitary Boards of Indiana; assistant Indianapolis city attorney; Speaker of the Indiana House of Representatives (1931-1933); and special counsel to a U.S. Senate Committee (1936-1937). In 1940, he was appointed Fourth Assistant Postmaster General by Franklin D. Roosevelt and served until 1953.

Myers was very active in Democratic politics, serving a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1920, 1924, and 1928. When FDR was up for the vice-presidential nomination, Myers delivered one of the nominating speeches at the National Convention. He ran for mayor of Indianapolis in 1925 as an anti Ku Klux Klan candidate but was defeated by John L. Duvall. In 1928, he ran for the United States Senate but was again defeated. In addition to his career of public service, Walter Myers was also an author. He wrote a number of articles and law books including "The 'Guv': A Tale of Midwest Law and Politics". Myers died on August 4, 1973 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis.

Information found within the collection.

"Myers, Walter". (1974). In *Indiana Authors and their books, 1917-1966*. (p. 445). Crawfordsville, IN: Wabash College. ISLI 16.810 B291I SUPP. 1917-66

"Myers, Walter D.". Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2016/05/18. <http://www.findagrave.com>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes correspondence from Walter D. Myers and others in Indianapolis, Indiana and elsewhere; papers from Walter D. Myers' career; newspaper and magazine articles; political speeches; medals and various other memorabilia; and programs from conventions and other meetings ranging from 1906-1969 regarding political life, family matters and achievements; and work matters.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

### Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Walter Myers, Jr. on 1974/03/12 and Mrs. Dickson on 1975/03/31.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2005/12/09 by Christina Baich. EAD finding aid created 22016/05/18 by Edythe Huffman.

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## Related Materials

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## **Related Archival Material**

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

OH016: Walter D. Myers oral history, 1970-1971

F--Portraits--L (Lawyers):Walter D. Myers

F--Portraits--My: Walter D. Myers

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Family Name(s)**

- Myers family

### **Geographic Name(s)**

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

### **Subject(s)**

- Indiana--Politics and government--20th century
- World War, 1914-1918

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Programs and keepsakes, 1906-1924	1	1
Programs and keepsakes, 1925-1952	1	2
Correspondence, 1910-1944	1	3
Correspondence, 1946-1969, undated	1	4
Speeches, 1928-1931	1	5
Magazine clippings, 1938-1952, undated	1	6
Newspaper clippings, 1926-1949	1	7
Newspaper clippings, 1950-1954, undated	1	8
Awards, badges, buttons and medals, undated	1	9
	<b>Over-size</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Certificate of appointment, 1940; newspaper clipping, 1948	OB002	11